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It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the four (4) references listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a copy of a European Search Report issued July 23, 2003 in connection with EP Application No. 01 11 66 94, believed to correspond to the captioned application. The examiner will note that in addition to the four references submitted here, the European Search Report cites a fifth reference, i.e., the English language abstract of Japanese Publication 10-125669 which has already been made of record by the office action of October 24, 2002.

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